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CONTROL METHOD FOR PROCESS OF REMOVING PERMANGANATE REDUCING **COMPOUNDS FROM METHANOL CARBONYLATION PROCESS**

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AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2005

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005 for which an initial response is due on February 15, 2006, Applicants submit this response and request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Applicants believe that this response is being timely filed and that no fees are due in connection with this document; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/10437.0074.NPUS01.

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